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Email Testimony in Support of
Re: Resolution 06-017 Waimea Valley Settlement – Easements

Aloha no Chair Dela Cruz and Honorable Members of the City Council:

I write in strong support of Resolution 06-017 which approves the court-mediated settlement in the Waimea Valley condemnation case and authorizes the acquisition of a conservation easement and a public access easement in lieu of a fee-simple interest.

The proposed easements are "ho'omaika'i" in safeguarding the public interest of Waimea Valley and the Valley's preservation. These easements must be protective and reasonably accessible while acknowledging the importance of cultural and environment conservation.

I applaud the City for this proposal and ask for your full support.

Will the Council please direct the Corporation Counsel and staff to share the details of the proposed easements with the community as soon as possible. The Save Waimea Valley Coalition (www.waimeavalleycoalition.org) is willing to assist the City in disseminating information on this and all issues related to the Valley.

Mahalo ia oe for your commitment and leadership.

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